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1^d A Full and True
RELATION
OF THE
Remarkable Fight

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Capt. HAMILTON and Capt. BROWN,
Commanders of the Two Scotch FRIGATS,
AND

Three French Men of WAR,
*That brought over the IRISH Men to Joyn Dundee
in the Western Sea, as it was delivered to some of
the Privy Counsellors in Scotland, by those that
were Eye Witnesses during the whole Action.*

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IN regard that the Bravery and Gallantness of the last Actions of Captain *Hamilton* and Captain *Brown's* Lives are so Remarkable, and not frequently paralell'd, I think it not amiss to give you a particular and distinct Account of them, as it was delivered to some Members of the Privy-Council here, by one of the Lieutenants of those Frigats that had the good Fortune to come off after he had been taken Prisoner, and by other persons now in Town, who were present, and Witnesses of what past, which was thus. On Wednesday the 10th. of July, Captain *Hamilton* Commanding the *Pelican* carrying 18 Guns and 120 Men, and Captain *Brown* in the *Jennet* Frigate carrying 12 Guns and 80 Men, as they were Cruising between the Mull of *Kintire* in Scotland and *Carrichfergus Lough* in Ireland, happened to discover at Sea to the Southward three Sail of Ships, to whom they immediately ply'd up, and when they came within such a distance as to be able to discern them; they observed them to look like English built Ships, carrying the English Flag and Colours, which led them into the mistake of believing them to be English and Friends: This obliged them to make up close to them to Salute them; but they did not sooner perceive their Errour, than they found

found it impossible to Retreat; they being three French Men of War, having on Aboard a Battalion of 400 Men of Collonel *Por-
fils* Regiment of Foot, that was going to joyn *Dunklee*; the big-
gest of them carrying 36 Guns, the Second 30, and the third
24 Guns: And so to Action they fell immediately, and fought it
with all the Gallantry and Resolution imaginable with their Guns
above an hour; the two lesser Frigats fell to Captain *Brown's*
share to engage with, and when his Main Mast was shot down,
they came and lay aboard him, in which Action his Right Arm
was shot off with a Canon Bullet, yet notwithstanding he
maintained the Fight Resolutely, and continued giving directions
and Orders to his Men, untill he received seven Musket Bullets
in his Body, the last of which killed him dead, one *Cambell* his
Lieutenant maintain'd the Fight with the same Gallantry, until be-
ing over power'd by the Enemies men, who after great slaughters
coming on board found the Lieutenant lying on the Deck, Shot
through the right Thigh, the right Shoulder, and left Arm, hav-
ing only 13 Men alive, whereof 8 were wounded and disabled.
Captain *Brown's* Ship being thus taken, these two Frigats Joyn the
great one, and all three fall on Captain *Hamilton*, who made his
part good against the French Man alone, and when his Ship had
been much batter'd and torn, the two biggest Ships came and en-
deavour'd to board him; and with them he fought a considerable
time, his Ship being better provided for a close Fight then Cap-
tain *Brown's* was, he had the misfortune to be thrice boarded
by the Enemy, and the Courage to clear his Deck as often of
them. At last his Forecastle and Steerage being torn open by the
violence and frequency of the Enemies Shot, and the hand gra-
nadoes doing much mischief to his Men, the Enemy boarded him
the fourth time in great Numbers, so that looking upon himself and
his Ship for lost, as his last effort, gave orders to his Gunner to go
down to the hold and blow up the Ship; and he no sooner gave
the word of Command for Executing what he had purpos'd to
do, but a Cannon Bullet at random Shot from the third Ship, came
and dispatch'd him, and hindred his last orders from being obey'd.
And so his Ship fell into the Enemies hands, and of the 120 Men
he had on board, only 30 Men were found alive, whereof the
greatest part were wounded and much disabled. In this Action
there were killed of our People, the two Captains, one hundred
and fifty Six Men; and of the Enemies one French Captain, two
Lieutenants, two hundred and Eighteen Men, and many wounded.
This Account we have from some that were taken and now
have made their Escape, and from those that have been aboard
the French Ship since the Action, as also from some of those
Irish that were taken prisoners since that time, all their Relations
agreeing as above is mentioned.